



Otoe County Board Minutes



August 11, 2020

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on August 11, 2020, to audit and sign regular claims and payroll claims and to take care of such other matters as are on the agenda for this meeting. Advance notice of this meeting was published in the Nebraska City News Press and posted in at least three public places, including the County's website. This meeting was open to the Public, and the agenda was kept current, and is on file for public inspection at the office of the Otoe County Clerk during regular business hours.

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Jerad Sornson. Answering present at roll call were Commissioner Sornson, Commissioner Freshman, Commissioner Speth, and Commissioner Thurman. Commissioner Parsons was present by Zoom. Absent – none.

Commissioner Sornson informed the public in attendance that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the south wall of the meeting room. Additional copies are available upon request.

Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman to accept the agenda as posted. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Speth and Thurman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman to accept the minutes from the previous meeting and not have them read as each member was furnished with a copy of same. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Parsons, Speth, Thurman and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Having reviewed the regular claims in advance of this meeting, Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Speth to approve payment of the regular claims. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Parsons, Speth, Thurman, Sornson and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Thurman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Speth, to audit and sign payroll claims. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Speth, Thurman, Sornson, Freshman, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman, to approve and sign the Southeast Nebraska Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Gregg Goebel, Emergency Management Director, informed the Board that the committee had worked with fire departments and districts to determine risk areas and establish plans. Voting aye were Commissioners Thurman, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons and Speth. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman, to approve the annual renewal with Five Rivers RC&D. The annual dues are \$3,000. Voting aye were Commissioners Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Speth and Thurman. Nay – none.

Pursuant to State Statute 33-106.02, Chairman Sornson acknowledged receipt of the monthly report from the Clerk of the District Court certifying fee collections in the amount of \$49,726.62 for the month of July 2020. Said report will be filed in the County Clerk's Office.



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Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sornson, to approve and sign the Crime Commissioner Award letter. An award letter was signed at a previous meeting, but the amount has been updated. Vanessa Sherman explained that the Crime Commission allowed the unused amount from 2019 to be expended and not rollover the funds as the previous award letter indicated. The updated award for 2020 is \$51,929.00. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Parsons, Speth, Thurman and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman, to approve the double payment to NE Dept. of Revenue for the quarterly fuel tax and authorize the transfer of funds to the imprest fund. Jenny Bassinger, Otoe Co. Clerk, explained that the payment of \$3,278.00 was paid by EFTPS and the paper check, #2007153, was also mailed in error. The NE Dept of Revenue deposited the check and will hold the funds as a credit to the next quarter of fuel tax. If the amount next quarter is greater than \$3,278.00, the County will need to remit a check for the difference. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Parsons, Speth, Thurman, Sornson and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

The agenda for creating a new fund within the budget was tabled. If created, the approval will be within the budget approval process.

Bids were opened publicly on August 6, 2020 for the purchase of a new dump truck with aluminum box in the presence of Commissioner Sornson, Highway Superintendent Jon Brinkman, County Clerk Jenny Bassinger and RDO representative, Phil Schneider. Four bids were received, two bids had qualifying specifications:

Bidder	Truck	Amount	Delivery Dates
Truck Center Co.	2021 Freightliner 122SD Dump Truck w/ 17' Tesco Box	\$143,175.00	April 2021
RDO Truck Center	2021 Mack Pinnacle 64R Dump Truck w/ 17' Tesco Box	\$149,968.98	8-10 Weeks

Jon Brinkman, Highway Superintendent, stated that based on delivery time, he would recommend purchasing the Mack truck from RDO Truck Center. Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman, to award the bid to RDO Truck Center in the amount of \$149,968.98. Voting aye were Commissioners Thurman, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons and Speth. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Speth made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman, to adopt and approve the Chairman to sign Resolution #8-11-20-28 to set a public hearing for September 22, 2020 regarding the vacation of the following described roads: All of County Road 107 North of H Road, Right-of-way in the East ½ of Section 3, Township 8N, Range 9E of the 6th P.M., Otoe County, NE and All of County Road 91/156, in the West ½ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 3, Township 8N, Range 9E of the 6th P.M., Otoe County, NE. Cody Beechum asked if the property would be resurveyed before the vacation and the Commissioners said it would not as it has been done in the past. Jenniffer Panko-Rahe stated that after the decision of vacation, the Commissioners will need to make a determination of what vacated property will go to which land owner and new lines exist. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Speth and Thurman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Speth made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman, to adopt and sign Resolution #8-11-20-29 approving preliminary plans, specifications, and estimates (PS&E) for Project



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HRRR-7915(1), Palmyra SW. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Parsons, Thurman, Speth and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Jon Brinkman, Highway Superintendent, presented the road report: Project (544) F & 16-Low Water Crossing (LWC) replacement, FEMA – contractor has poured 2 lifts of flowable fill around culverts and installing sheet pile; contractor is planning on pouring deck next week. Both crews have been working on the following projects: cleaned the decks off of concrete bridges at multiple locations; replaced plank on under 20' bridges at G & 34; removed debris/beaver dam at E & 2E and backfilled washout at O & 42 S. Both crews have also been hauling rock and grading.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, and since all items on the agenda have been disposed of, Chairman Sornson declared this meeting adjourned at 8:59 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on August 25, 2020.

I, Jennifer Bassinger, County Clerk of Otoe County, do hereby certify that the above minutes were taken by me, and are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and I therefore set my hand and affix the county seal this 11th day of August, 2020.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk